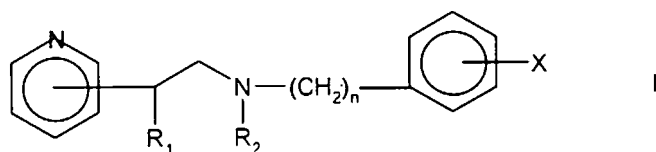


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A compound of formula I



wherein

n is an integer from 2 to 4

R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group or lower C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy group

R<sub>2</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched lower C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl group

X is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, hydroxyl group, trifluoromethyl group, 3,4-di-Cl, 2,4-di-Cl or lower C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group

~~and~~ or an enantiomer, diastereoisomer or racemate thereof. ~~and~~ or a physiologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The compounds according to claim 1 in which n is an integer 2, R<sub>1</sub> is a hydroxyl group, R<sub>2</sub> a methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl or isobutyl group and X is a hydrogen atom, ~~3,4-dichlorophenyl or 2,4-dichlorophenyl~~ 3,4-di-Cl, or 2,4-di-Cl.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 in which R<sub>1</sub> is a hydroxyl group in the RS configuration.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl)-N-propylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-phenylethyl)-N-propylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(3-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl)-N-methylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). The compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(4-pyridyl)-2-(N-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethyl)-N-methylamino)ethanol and a dihydrobromide salt thereof.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The ~~pharmaceutical~~ compositions comprising the compound of formula I according to claim 1 and the physiologically acceptable acid addition salts thereof.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

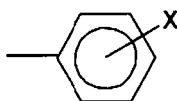
Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The process for preparation of the compound of formula I according to claim 1 which process comprises

- a) alkylating secondary amines of formula VI



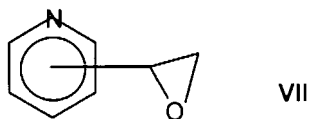
wherein

R<sub>2</sub> is as defined above in formula I and Z is a group



in which X is as defined above in formula I,

with pyridyloxirane of formula VII



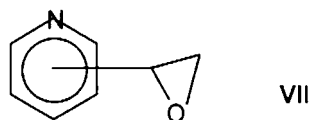
~~and, if desired, the obtained compounds of formula I are converted into the salt to form the compound of formula I, or~~

- b) alkylating primary amines of formula VIII

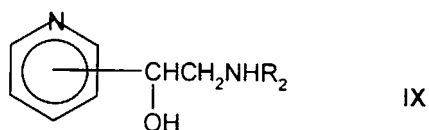


wherein R<sub>2</sub> is as defined above in formula I,

with pyridyloxirane of formula VII



to intermediate compounds of formula IX



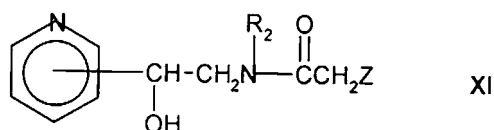
wherein  $R_2$  is as defined above in formula I,

and condensing with ~~the derivatives of phenylacetic acid~~ or a derivative of phenylacetic acid of formula X



wherein Z is as defined above,

to an intermediate compounds of formula XI



and reducing ~~them to the title compounds of formula I, and, if desired, converting them into the salt~~ the compound of formula XI to the compound of formula I.

Claim 12 (New). The process of Claim 11, further comprising the step of converting the compound of formula I in to a salt.